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SUBJECT: R/V VELERO IV CLEARANCE REQUEST, 8-16 SEPT 1978

- 1. R/V VELERO IV, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT FISHERIES RESEARCH IN MEXICAN WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 8-16 SEPT 1978. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE ABUNDANCE AND METABOLISM OF MIDWATER SHRIMP OFF MEXICO FOR COMPARISON WITH DATA COLLECTED OFF CALIFORNIA. THE SHRIMP WILL BE STUDIED ON BOARD AND AT THE MARINE LABORATORY AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA. A MIDWATER TRAWL WITH A 10 FT SQUARE, MOUTH OPENING WILL BE TOWED AT DEPTHS FROM THE SURFACE TO 3000 METERS.
- 2. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. JAMES J. CHILDRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA S.B., WITH A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 12. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO MEXICAN SCIENTISTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS ANDRE VALOIS WITH A CREW OF 11. VELERO IV IS 292 GROSS TONS, 110 FT. LONG, WITH A 13 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WP 8613 AND SHIP MONITORS STANDARD EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

3. VELERO IV DEPARTS WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA ON 8 SEPT

AND RETURNS ON 16 SEPT. A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR R/V VELERO IV TO CONDUCT FISHERIES RESEARCH IN MEXICAN WATERS DURING PERIOD 8-16 SEPT 1978. VANCE

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